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INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

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TITLE OF INVENTION

REACTIVE ION ETCHING FOR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE FEATURE TOPOGRAPHY MODIFICATION

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification of which:

| X] | is attached hereto | | | | |
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, $\S 1.56$,

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 In compliance with this duty there is attached an Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98.

PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. §119)

| I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119, of any foreign application(s) |
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Date Filed

Priority Claimed

No such applications have been filed.

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